

3. Annexes to this Protocol and amendments to annexes to this Protocol shall be adopted at an ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties. The text of any proposed annex or amendment to an annex shall be communicated to the Parties by the secretariat at least six months before the session at which it is proposed for adoption. The secretariat shall also communicate the text of any proposed annex or amendment to an annex to the signatories to this Protocol, to the Parties and signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the Depositary.

4. The Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement on any proposed annex or amendment to an annex by consensus. If all efforts at consensus have been exhausted, and no agreement reached, the annex or amendment to an annex shall, as a last resort, be adopted by a three-fourths majority vote of the Parties present and voting at the meeting. The adopted annex or amendment to an annex shall be communicated by the secretariat to the Depositary, who shall circulate it to all Parties for their acceptance.

5. An annex, other than XY, that has been proposed and adopted or amended in accordance with paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 above shall enter into force for all Parties to this Protocol six months after the date of the communication by the Depositary to such Parties of the adoption or amendment of the annex, except for those Parties that have notified the Depositary, in writing, within that period of their non-acceptance of the annex or amendment to an annex. The annex or amendment to an annex shall enter into force for Parties which withdraw their notification of non-acceptance on the ninetieth day after the date on which withdrawal of such notification has been received by the Depositary.

6. If the adoption of an annex, other than XY, or an amendment to an annex involves an amendment to this Protocol, that annex or amendment to an annex shall not enter into force until such time as the amendment to this Protocol enters into force.

6 bis. Proposals for amendments to annexes XY to the Protocol shall be adopted and enter into force in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 18.

Article 20⁷

1. Attachments to this Protocol shall form an integral part thereof and, unless otherwise expressly provided, a reference to this Protocol constitutes at the same time a reference to any attachments thereto.

2. The adoption and entry into force of attachments, and amendments to attachments, shall be in accordance with Article 18, provided that a proposed amendment to the commitment of any Party as set out in an attachment may be adopted only with the specific consent of that Party.

7 To be revisited in the light of further discussions on Article 3.